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Melissa,

Here's EPA's latest statement regarding the water in Dimock.

EPA has heard the concerns of the residents of Dimock and we want to ensure that the safety of their drinking water is a top priority. Natural gas will continue to play an important role in our nation's clean energy future and we want to ensure that it is developed safely. At the request of residents, EPA visited Dimock area homes on November 10, 2011 and reviewed well sampling data for wells impacted by the Cabot Oil and Gas Company drilling activities. EPA made a preliminary review of the data provided by PADEP and the residents and while it did not indicate an immediate health threat to well water users, we assured the residents that we will continue to review the latest information. We have received an additional 300 pages worth of data from the residents that we are in the process of reviewing. As soon as we've completed this analysis, we will share our findings with the community, the state and the company.

Best,

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